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Center Hill Lake being lowered as a precautionary measure

NASHVILLE, TENN. (December 15, 2006) – The Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, announced today the lowering of Center Hill Lake, near Lancaster, Tenn. While drilling as part of our ongoing investigation, muddy discharges were observed upstream in the lake. As a precautionary measure, the lake will be lowered by six feet to elevation 618.

“Even though the dam remains structurally sound, we believe taking this precautionary measure will help determine the relationship between this observation and our drilling operation,” said Linda Adcock, project manager, Center Hill Dam Major Rehabilitation Project. “We will continue our planned investigations as well as analysis of this situation to determine if any further actions are required, including additional operating restrictions. At this time, we do not know when we will raise the lake levels.”

As the lake is drawn down over the next one to two weeks, there will be continuous higher flows on the Caney Fork River downstream. We recommend against boating, swimming and wading during this period.

Note: There will be a media opportunity on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at Center Hill Dam.

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